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SUBJ: RESIGNATION OF UNEF COMMANDER LILJESTRAND

1. SYG'S LETTER (PARA 2) DATED NOV 30 TO SC PRESIDENT ILLUECA WAS CIRCULATED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS DURING SC MEETING ON NOV 30. LETTER NOTES LT. GEN. BENGT LILJESTRAND'S RELEASE FROM HIS ASSIGNMENT AND THAT DEPUTY COMMANDER OF UNEF, MAJOR-GENERAL RAIS ABIN, WILL SERVE AS ACTING COMMANDER OF UNEF WHILE SYG PROCEEDS WITH CONSULTATIONS ON A REPLACEMENT.

2. QUOTE
MR. PRESIDENT,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE AGREED TO RELEASE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL BENGT LILJESTRAND FROM HIS ASSIGNMENT AS COMMANDER OF THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY FORCE (UNEF) AS FROM 1 DECEMBER 1976.

I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PAY A
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WARM TRIBUTE TO GENERAL LILJESTRAND. HE HAS SERVED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SINCE APRIL 1974, FIRST AS CHIEF OF

STAFF OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUCE SUPERVISION
ORGANIZATION IN PALESTINE (UNTSO) AND SINCE AUGUST 1975
AS COMMANDER OF UNEF. IN BOTH ASSIGNMENTS GENERAL
LILJESTRAND HAS PERFORMED THE IMPORTANT TASKS ASSIGNED TO
HIM WITH COURAGE AND DEVOTION, OFTEN IN VERY DIFFICULT
CIRCUMSTANCES.

I AM PROCEEDING WITH THE NECESSARY CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO
THE DESIGNATION OF A REPLACEMENT FOR GENERAL LILJESTRAND.
I SHALL, OF COURSE, REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL
AND SEEK ITS CONSENT ON THIS MATTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IN THE MEANTIME, THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF UNEF,
MAJOR-GENERAL RAIS ABIN, WILL OFFICIATE AS ACTING COMMANDER
OF THE FORCE.

I SHOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD BRING THIS MATTER
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

YOURS SINCERELY,
KURT WALDHEIM
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